



NOAA Ocean Art Contest!!!

About Event:

On **November 15th, 2008** the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will host "NOAA and Our Planet," an annual event to bring awareness about NOAA to the local community. To raise awareness of NOAA's mission and ocean literacy within local schools, NOAA is holding an art contest for grades K-12 focusing on the Long Beach unified school district. All artwork submissions will be displayed in front of the Aquarium of the Pacific on Nov. 15th, 2008. A panel of judges including Robert Wyland, Ray Troll, and NOAA Scientists will judge the art work from 12-1pm during the event. Winning art work will be displayed at the Long Beach public library main branch for one month.

Submissions:

Contestants can submit their art work by mailing them through school mail to Sandy Lucas, Art Curriculum Leader, District Board Office. Entries must be received no later than **November 3rd, 2008!**

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all students enrolled in grades K-12 in Long Beach Unified School District.

Art Work Requirements: For questions regarding contest guidelines and rules please contact Gabrielle Dorr (Gabrielle.Dorr@noaa.gov).

- 1) Entries must be original drawings, photographs or other visual 2-D art work in any medium created by individual students.
- 2) Art work should reflect the classroom's interpretation of one or more of the following "NOAA and Our Planet" themes: **Our Oceans, Our Coasts, Our Weather**
- 3) All artwork submissions must not exceed 24"x 36".
- 4) A narrative, not to exceed 150 words, explaining the selection should be attached to the back of the art work.
- 5) A signed entry form must be submitted with each entry.

Winners:

Winning classrooms will be judged and announced at the Aquarium of the Pacific on November 15th, 2008. An awards ceremony with the judges will be held at the aquarium for art contest participants following the judging. All participating students will be able to attend the event for free. There will be first, second, and third place winners. Winning art work will be displayed at the Long Beach Public Library for one month.

Art Work Rights:

Art work will be kept for one month following the contest and will be available for pick up at the NOAA office in downtown Long Beach (501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802). Please make arrangements with Gabrielle Dorr (Gabrielle.Dorr@noaa.gov) for picking up art work.

Judging Criteria:

Art work will be judged on visual impact, communication of the theme, and artistic merit.

NOAA Online Resources:

www.education.noaa.gov (contains ocean and weather related information for teachers and students)

www.channelislands.noaa.gov (local national marine sanctuary-check out the education page!)

www.nerrs.noaa.gov/tijuanariver/welcome.html (local estuary-check out the education page!)

www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/ (Los Angeles National Weather Service Forecast Office-check out the weather education page!)

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/sw_southwest.html (local NOAA Office of Law Enforcement-see how this office protects marine wildlife!)

www.darrp.noaa.gov/southwest/index.html (local Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program-see how this office is restoring sensitive habitats)

Other Online Resources:

www.aquariumofpacific.org (local non-profit aquarium-see how they are promoting ocean stewardship)

www.healthebay.org (local non-profit organization-see what are they doing to protect the ocean)

www.lbsurfrider.org (local non-profit organization-see how they are protecting the oceans for surfers!)

www.coastkeeper.org (local non-profit organization-see they are protecting our coasts!)

www.smbaykeeper.org (local non-profit organization-see how they are protecting our coasts!)

NOAA Ocean Art Contest Entry Form

Student Name: _____
(First) (Last)

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student/Parent Email: _____

School Phone: _____

Title of Entry: _____

****Please register for the awards ceremony on Nov. 15th, 2008 at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90805) by emailing Erica Noriega (enoriega@lbaop.org).**

Originality Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work or by _____ and is not copied from, nor does it include, any

(student's name)

other person's copyrighted work.

Entry Release

We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled to copyright protection. In consideration for acceptance of the art entry by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant NOAA the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the NOAA and Our Planet Art Contest on November 15th, 2008. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed publicly will be made by a NOAA panel. The undersigned also grant NOAA and their employees and agents the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant NOAA, their employees and agents from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of any art entry during and subsequent to the NOAA and Our Planet Art Contest. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend NOAA and their employees and agents against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the NOAA and Our Planet Art Contest.

(Student Signature & Date)

(Teacher Signature & Date)